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1 May 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: OGC -- "No Surprises"

In connection with your "No Surprises" memorandum of 16 April 1975, this is to advise that I have looked into this matter thoroughly and believe there are no surprises to be found within the Office of General Counsel.

JOHN S. WARNER
General Counsel

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1 MAY 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT : "No Surprises"
REFERENCE : Your memo, same subject, 16 April 1975

Over the course of the last two years, the Directorate of Operations has wrung out every "surprise" that is in our files or in the memory of our personnel. We have responded to urgent pleas to come forward with any such information. Since the first of the year, in connection with the Rockefeller Commission and the Congressional reviews of our activities, we have used a group of our senior officers - Deputy Division Chiefs - to again review everything that might have been in the line of questionable activities. As a result of this process, I can only say that the Directorate has been reminded time and time again of the need to come forward with any questionable activities and has complied. I know of no matters of a "surprise" nature in the Directorate of which you are not already aware. I cannot guarantee, obviously, that there is no "surprise" anywhere which is hidden from all the efforts we have made to unearth it. All I can say is that we have made every effort to do so that we can conceive.


William E. Nelson
Deputy Director for Operations

cc: DDCI

MEMORANDUM FOR: ~~DCI~~ *Mr. [redacted]*

I am told that Carl Duckett, General Wilson and George Carver replied to you orally. Don Chamberlain asked me to pass on that all surprises he knows of he ~~has~~ promptly advised you of accordingly but that during the course of his review he can make no promises for the future. [redacted] will advise you in the near future. The remainder of the responses are attached.

B. C. Evans
~~Executive Secretary~~

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RE: [redacted]

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30 April 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

SUBJECT : No Surprises

REFERENCE : DCI Memo dated 16 April 1975, subject as above

1. Although not an addressee of reference, we feel it would be useful to respond. To the best of our understanding, there are no activities we are aware of which, in the context of reference, would come as a surprise to you. Requirements levied by various groups investigating intelligence activities have caused an extensive review of Executive Registry files, both active and retired. While this review has surfaced "no surprises," it will continue to add detail to known questionable past activities. Mr. Knoche recently asked that holdings be reviewed once again with regard to any material that may be relevant to the Rockefeller Commission inquiry. Specifically, he requested a search for any correspondence that might conceivably be related to ZRRIFLE and MONGOOSE [redacted]

[redacted] as well as material pertaining to the Warren Commission inquiry. Here again we have found no surprises. However, this search continues and as related material is identified, it is furnished to the Inspector General whom we count on to collate with their information and advise you as appropriate.

2. In the course of this extensive file review, I have certainly wished that previous DCI's had instituted a Daily Journal such as yours. Together with its sensitive annex, it records and summarizes with very few exceptions every paper reaching you for information or action. Future historians and inquirers will be indebted to this system we have instituted.

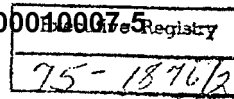
3. You have heard independently from AO/DCI and [redacted] with regard to "no surprises." We have none but unfortunately cannot guarantee that heretofore undisclosed information will not be found in some envelope or pocket of a file that has not been thoroughly examined. The filing systems in the 1960's were particularly archaic.

[redacted]
B. C. Evans

Executive Secretary

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20 APR 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

REFERENCE : No Surprises

Sir:

1. I have reviewed the contents, but have not read, your memorandum on "No Surprises" of 16 April 1975 to the Office and Senior Staff Heads of this Directorate. They have a clear understanding of your policy of total disclosure of all activities and have been directed to insure that their subordinates have complete familiarity with your policy.

2. I can certify to you that to the best of my knowledge, belief, and understanding there are no facts or situations in existence in this Directorate of which you should be aware and have not been so made. My Office Directors likewise reflect this statement. It is, of course, a Directorate of [redacted] people and I would imagine at least three times that many have previously served in the Directorate and either retired or resigned. I cannot speak with absolute certitude for each and every serving officer and employee. We have, however, extended ourselves to the utmost to insure that there are "no surprises" remaining.



John F. Blake
Deputy Director
for
Administration

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